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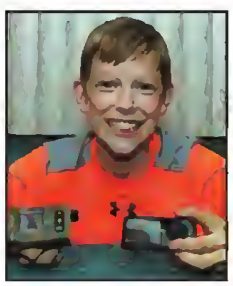

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Science fiction come to life

Jennifer Chornley Special to the Advance

Fort George was the festival site of an "Era that Never Was." The Grand Canadian Steampunk Exposition descended on to Niagara-on-the-Lake on Sept. 13-14. Between 800 to 900 attendees of all ages took part in the festivities, with many sporting their finest Steampunk costumes. Pictured here are Leonard Kuehner, Alex Kuehner, Marcus Kuehner, Robert Winningear, Matthew Winningear and Elora Winningear. The Kuehners travelled from New Dundee while the Winningears are from Hamilton. The festival held a variety of activities, entertainment, demos and information sessions including telsa coil demonstrations, meet and greet sessions with the major performing acts, Steampunk arts and crafts and buskers. See page 9 for more photos

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Terry Fox Run continues to be a Marathon of Hope

Jennifer Chornley
Special to the Advance

A great Canadian tradition continued this year in Niagara-on-the-Lake as just over 250 participants packed Simcoe Park to participate in the 34th Annual Terry Fox Run.

This year's event held a special place in many people's hearts. It was dedicated in memory of Gloria Ghetti who passed away in February from cancer. The Ghetti family is no stranger to the disease and her husband passed away from it while her daughter is a cancer survivor.

To kick off the run, Ghetti's daughter, Donna Sattin, spoke of her Mom's contribution as a volunteer of the local Canadian Cancer Society chapter, which she contributed her time to for over 50 years.

What makes this run's memorable is the fact that Ghetti was instrumental in encouraging Terry Fox's team to bring him to Niagara-on-the-Lake even though it wasn't part of his route. In 1980, Ghetti was the president of the local chapter of the Canadian Cancer Society.

Also, another well-known Niagara-on-the-Lake resident who met Terry during his visit to the town, passed away in late June. Former Lord Mayor, Regional Councillor and Regional Chair Wilbert Dick.

Sattin was very moved by the local organization's efforts. "Everyone did a great job in organizing the event. The route was beautiful, you don't even know you are walking."

Joan King, organizer of the Niagara-on-the-Lake run credits the participants of a yearly successful event. "It is very interesting to see all the people come together and share their stories about for whom and why they are running in the event."

Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake Councillor Gary Zalepa Jr and his family also participated. "This is a great community event," he remarked. "It's so great to see a group of volunteers spontaneously come together to organize such a large-scale event such as this."

Zalepa was pleased to see that participants were both local and out of town, which to him, "makes for a great event."

Just over $58,000 was raised by participants for the Terry Fox Foundation, which King stated was simply "unbelievable."

"It's a wonderful feeling to have support from both the business community and family teams, it shows a community coming together for a great cause," she stated. "Terry's story was and continues to be embraced by the world and will stand the test of time another reason for the great community support."

Jennifer Chornley Special to the Advance

Participants of all ages walked or ran in the 34th Annual Terry Fox Run. Niagara-on-the-Lake residents Denise Murphy-Nolan and Tomás Nolan joined the 300 people that helped raise funds for the yearly Marathon of Hope.

Brookfield Receives Accolades for High Performance and Healthy Housing

NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE
Brookfield Residential was honoured to receive three outstanding recognition certificates at their LEED Gold Presentation Center and model home at The Village, Niagara on the Lake.

Accepting the awards

First, the Healthy Housing Recognition from the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) for their efforts in building healthier homes; second for exceeding the required points scored towards achieving LEED Gold certification – the only LEED Gold certified house in the Niagara Region; and third for winning the "Cross Border Challenge" for building the highest performing houses rated on the HERS scale in both Canada and the U.S.

CMHC's Healthy Housing™ Recognition Program honours builders and others in Ontario who put their knowledge of CMHC's five Healthy Housing™ principles into practice. These five principles include: occupant health, energy efficiency, resource efficiency, environmental responsibility, and affordability. The program recognizes housing industry professionals who demonstrate their knowledge by building, renovating or designing a home that meets criteria under the principles.

Brookfield's Presentation Center and Model home at 2 Macdonell Road in the Niagara-On-The-Lake – (The Village) – is the only LEED for Homes project that has achieved Gold Certification in the Niagara region.

The Village Presentation Centre is located at 2 Macdonell Rd in Niagara-on-the-Lake. Just look for the front porch!

In terms of its energy efficiency, the house performs 27% better than a comparable house built to today's Building Code. The model home boasts the highest efficiency furnace with a zoned system to maximize occupant comfort and incorporates the latest ventilation technology, using a vänEE ERV (Energy Recovery Ventilator). To reduce water demand, Brookfield installed a grey-water recycling system integrated with drain water heat recovery lowering water usage and heating costs by up to 35%.

The front porch of the Presentation Centre.

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"We are so honoured to be recognized for doing what we absolutely love doing: creating the best places to call home, and what better backdrop for the presentation than this high-performance model home in Niagara on the Lake", said Brian Couperthwaite, VP of Construction at Brookfield Residential. "This model is inspiring and provides our homeowners with a glimpse of how they might take advantage of space, see some great design ideas and also learn about the benefits of living in a healthier and more energy efficient home."

Brookfield is dedicated to creating the best places to call home and has built more than 25,000 homes in Ontario since 1956. Brookfield's ongoing commitment to quality, design and customer service has earned the company several highly coveted industry recognitions including the J.D. Power and Associates Award for Highest in Customer Satisfaction and Ontario Builder of the Year from OHBA and Tarion and most recently the Cross-border challenge for high performance building.

Brian Couperthwaite receives Leeds Gold certificate from John Godden

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NOTL senior killed in roll-over in Grimsby

Bill Sawchuk
QMI Agency Niagara

A Niagara-on-the-Lake senior was killed in a two-vehicle accident in Grimsby Monday.

The man, 74, was airlifted to a trauma centre but succumbed to his injuries, Niagara Regional Police said.

He was driving a 2001 Pontiac Montana van on the access road at the intersection on Ontario St. near the QEW overpass when he failed to yield at an intersection and collided with a 2005 Volkswagen Jetta, driven by a 35-year-old woman from Grimsby.

The Volkswagen struck the Pontiac on the driver's door, causing the Pontiac to roll onto its passenger side in the middle of the intersection.

The two occupants of the Pontiac van were trapped following the collision and required extrication by the Grimsby fire department.

The passenger in the van, a 70-year-old female, received minor injuries and was treated in hospital, as was the driver of the Volkswagen.

The crash occurred at about 5:30 p.m.

The name of the deceased is not being released at this time, the NRP said.

This collision remains under investigation by detectives of the NRP's collision reconstruction unit.

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our editorial

Despite rising rates, tuition a bargain

It's a lesson all students eventually learn: Higher education is the last government bargain left in this country. Young people should run -- not walk -- to snap it up.

Try telling that to the left-leaning Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives. In a new report, it concludes rising tuition and other fees, uneven provincial funding and "creative" new ways to download costs onto students are undermining the accessibility and affordability of university education.

Not everything the think tank says is nonsense.

Average tuition and mandatory fees have outpaced inflation. The centre says they've almost tripled over the last 20 years, to an average $6,885 this year.

Provinces have saddled students with more of the cost of their education while pulling back themselves. The provinces chipped in 79% and students, through tuition, 18% of university operating revenue in 1991. By 2011, it was 55% and 37%, the centre says.

And there's no denying fees for non-academic services have crept higher.

But while the centre decries an "increasingly patchwork, privatized and individualized system of university financing," one that turns on varying provincial funding levels, it misses broader points.

One is that higher education, like health care, is a provincial domain that's not the same across Canada, nor should its funding be. All worthy students should get a shot. But the centre's implicit argument for sameness -- at added taxpayer cost -- ignores the benefits students derive and, in such a diverse country, is Pollyannaish.

Alberta, for example, charges some of Canada's highest average tuition rates. But it costs far more to run a big campus there, in the nation's hottest economy, than it does in, say, Newfoundland where rates are the lowest. Ontario is mired in red ink, but has decided it can still afford a 30% tuition rebate worth $400 million a year as the province slips its industrial moorings and moves to a knowledge economy. That's Ontario's call.

Taxpayers still pay the bulk of the cost of higher education. They pay again for tuition breaks and grants for students, and to service their government loans until they graduate.

It's hard to see any downside for students.

— Greg Van Moorsel

9/11 Memorial

Jennifer Chornley Special to the Advance

On Thursday, Sept. 11, the Niagara-on-the-Lake Chamber of Commerce held a special commemoration service of remembrance at the Queen Street Cenotaph. Local politicians and members from police, EMS and fire protective services attended to tribute to victims of the 9/11 attacks. Of the lives lost, 26 were Canadians. Niagara-on-the-Lake is one of the few locations remaining to hold such a service. Twenty-six white balloons were released by students from Parliament Oak School.

End of market sure sign fall is here

Thank you for generous donation

The last Wednesday Evening Supper Market has been held for this year, a sure sign that fall is almost here and winter not too far behind.

Thank you to all the vendors for offering one of our families a supper each week, a wonderful treat for them. Thank you also to Mr. Donnies for the generous donation of 15 packets of fish to the food bank, a tasty addition to the food boxes. Thanksgiving is on Oct. 13. Those who wish to register for supplies please do so at your earliest opportunity.

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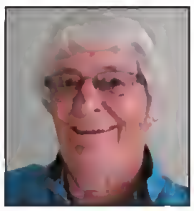


Barbara Ahluwalia
Newark Neighbours

letters to the editor

The Catholic board stands for something

RE: Catholic Schools hasten march to extinction – Grant LaFleche

Mr. LaFleche chastises the Catholic School board for not wanting to promote the Supreme Court ruling that Catholic Schools cannot force students to take religious studies. In other words, they cannot always do the main thing they are in existence to do. I am not Catholic but their position makes perfect sense to me.

The writer makes no mention of the fact that the public school board was at one time the Protestant School board before it was taken over by secularists. Now the secularists believe it their right to also take over the Catholic School board and they have made significant inroads in this regard.

The Catholic board stands for something. It has certain moral values, religious foundations and a time-tested rock solid worldview.

It stands for something in a world where it is admirable to stand for nothing. A world where tolerance is championed but it's a tolerance that protects only those who have disposed of the standards that are perceived as old fashioned, in favour of a nebulous new world that is at the root of this society of failed relationships and sexually transmitted diseases. A world where celebrities are idols and success is defined by the accumulation of things.

What business does the Supreme Court have telling the Catholic School that it cannot be what it is? That it cannot be the very thing that defines it? Yes, dollars make it the court's business and that is the sad reality.

Mr. LaFleche predicts the School Board is marching to extinction so, with tax dollars as their whip, he and those like him will hold the Catholic board for ransom.

I predict that on the day the Catholic School board accepts its fate and becomes like other schools, it will become irrelevant and on that day it will indeed begin to become extinct.

In a society where believing in nothing but yourself is noble, a school that calls people to a higher standard is still a magnate to those seeking a solid foundation that has proven durable for thousands of years.

Karl Janzen
Niagara-on-the-Lake

Writers Circle brings together diverse group for new season

Randy Klassen
Senior's View

Sixteen members of the Niagara-on-the-Lake Writers Circle met last week, beginning a new season of sharing their work.

The gatherings which take place at the NOTL Public Library two Sunday afternoons a month bring together people in our community who love to write. The group is diverse, from novices to professionals, men and women, who write in a variety of genres and who come from a variety of backgrounds. It is this diversity and richness of experience that brings vitality to each meeting.

Being a writer is often lonely work of an individual, and being part of a supportive writing community that provides constructive feedback helps to keep up one's motivation. An additional benefit of being part of a writers group is the ability to laugh at mistakes along the way and celebrate achievements with people who understand the hard work of writing.

Gathering of the NOTL Writers Circle share from their work and support one another with critique and ideas for publishing.
Photo by Randy Klaassen

The NOTL Writers Circle is involved with two major events this fall season. A reading of stories written by Circle members specifically for the Pumphouse Exhibit "Awe, Humility & Joy" at Jackson-Triggs Estate Winery Sunday was an extension of the Pumphouse September exhibit which features 24 original oil paintings by Dr. Ron Clavier paying homage to the great American author John Steinbeck. The exhibition is a unique multi-dimensional event celebrating the 75th anniversary of the publication of Steinbeck's classic novel "The Grapes of Wrath."

The second event for the Writers Circle will be the celebration of the "Rising Spirit" Halloween story contest, taking place Oct. 31 at The Old Winery on Niagara Stone Rd. This will be an evening of storytelling, food, wine and music in the new event space, The Cellar. Contest entries and the event are open to the public, however tickets for the event are limited. Tickets can be ordered by emailing notlwriterscircle@gmail.com, or picked up at NOTL Library.

Entries for adults were due this week, but young writers (age 14 to 18) can submit stories up to Sept. 30.

Anyone wanting to join NOTL Writers Circle who enjoys writing and resides in Niagara-on-the-Lake is welcome to join.

The Writers Circle meets two Sundays per month at the NOTL Public Library. If you would like to join or be put on the contact list to be informed about upcoming events, contact coordinator, Hermine Steinberg, at notlwriterscircle@gmail.com or call 289-868-9601.

Squirrels on lookout for a delicious meal

Cute little critters will watch your every move and take their winter larder into account

Jean Cochrane
Happy Gardening

Well things are cooling down and it makes it easier to do some of the jobs, for instance now is a good time to think about some of the perennials.

I find the easiest way is to dig out the whole clump, study it to work out the best way to divide it up — just split it in half or into three or four pieces? It is up to you — make a clean cut with a sharp, straight spade.

Prepare for replanting by digging a hole the size you need put in some compost and or bone meal, water well and you are all set.

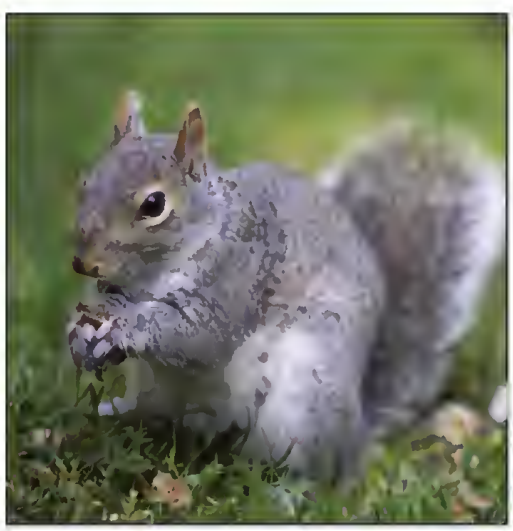
If you are planting spring bulbs this can be incorporated at the same time.

Now a word of warning. There will be a cute little squirrel watching your every move and taking his winter larder into account!

All the bulbs in the daffodil family are poisonous and the "critters" know it, so they get left alone. All the others can stock their larder so you have to add some blood meal, or other deterrent into the soil around them. All I can say is my tulips, which survive, are never where I plant them!

There is another 'war' going on though - the racoons have destroyed all but two of the bird feeders, and have their eye on the back-porch for the winter.

Two were caught and '"repatriated" out to the countryside, but we were warned they will be on their way back! Isn't nature wonderful.



Jean Cochrane has some advice on how to foil squirrels in their hunt for spring bulbs. Submitted photo

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Doug Kerr
Manager of Public Works

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Explore the Arts	**Kitchen Creations**	**Jr. Hip Hop**
(6-12 years)	(6-11 years)	(3 – 5 years)
$45.00 + HST	$66.00 + HST	$40.00 + HST
6:00 – 6:45 p.m.	6:00 – 7:00 p.m.	5:45 – 6:15 p.m.
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(12-16 years)	(12-16 years)	(6 – 12 years)
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Steampunk Festival

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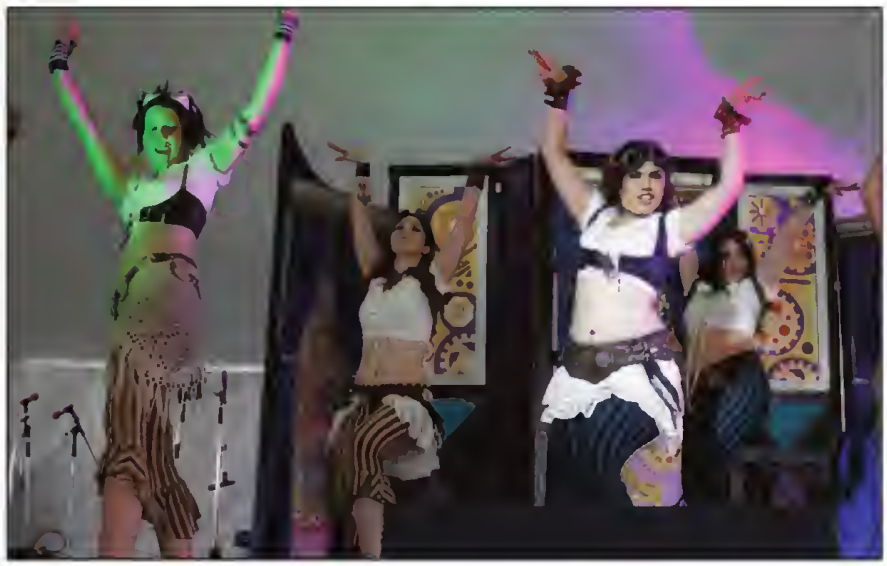
Entertainment at the Steampunk Festival was one of the major highlights. Here, Dr. Archibald Floss hammers a six-inch nail into his skull while Jessie Foster, of Red Deer, Alta., and Dr. Floss's assistant Dr. Charlotte Tan look on. Two major concerts took place Friday and Saturday featuring Abney Park, Steam Powered Giraffe, Professor Elemental and Jardin Mechanique, well-known Steampunk musical acts. Smaller musical and mind-over-body side-show acts also performed throughout the two days.



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Shaw executive director Calder to retire in 2015

John Law
QMI Agency Niagara

Two years after returning to the Shaw Festival, executive director Elaine Calder has announced next season will be her last.

Calder told the company Friday she will end her 30-year career managing Canadian arts groups to be closer to family in Victoria, B.C.

She will leave after guiding the Shaw through a stunning financial turnaround which saw it post a $1.2 million surplus last season after a combined deficit of $2.7 million during 2010 and 2011.

"I have always made it a rule that I always leave anywhere I work in a better state than it was when I arrived," said Calder during a phone interview after the announcement. "If we were still struggling here, yeah, I would feel really badly about going.

"And I think it would be much harder to attract a good person to replace me."

Calder first joined the company in 1990 and spent four seasons as executive director before leaving to become general manager of the Canadian Opera Company.

She would later take the reins of the Oregon Symphony, where she erased a $7 million deficit, before returning to the Shaw Festival in Sept., 2012.

Taking over for departing executive director Colleen Blake, Calder immediately went to work on the Shaw's financial struggles, trimming staff and slashing expenses. Her first season back saw a modest $19,000 surplus, paving the way for last season's comeback.

She said the highlight of her Shaw return was "signing 461 bonus letters at the end of last year."

Calder's departure means the two most prominent positions at Shaw will be changing faces in back-to-back seasons: Artistic director Jackie Maxwell has already announced the 2016 season will be her last.

"Elaine has been a tremendous partner and colleague," said Maxwell.

Calder will help pick her successor to ensure a "seamless transition" as the Shaw prepares for a decade of challenges, including two aging theatres.

"Anybody that we would hire for this position is going to be very experienced. We hope to make an announcement next spring," she said. "There's a lot of change happening here and we need somebody who will see it through."

Calder has a daughter who lives in Seattle, and felt the time was right for more family time.

"We really fell in love with the Pacific Northwest when we lived in Portland, Oregon."

Shaw Festival board chairman Andy Pringle called Calder an "extraordinarily talented executive director" who played a huge role in the company's recent success.

"After more than 30 years in the arts, we know that Elaine deserves a wonderful retirement."

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Awe, Humility and Joy – a tribute to John Steinbeck

Jennifer Chornley
Special to the Advance

With the wine grapes almost ripened for the fall harvest, the vineyards of Jackson-Triggs Winery provided the ideal backdrop for the Awe and Humility and Joy event.

Organized by artist and world-renowned psychologist Ron Clavier, in partnership with the Niagara Pumphouse, this event was put in on in celebration of the 75th Anniversary release of John Steinbeck's classic novel The Grapes of Wrath.

On display, were 10 personally handpicked pieces depicting various passages from the book. Clavier created 24 pieces for the exhibit as a tribute to John Steinbeck and features various landscapes, fruit, flowers and symbolic concepts.

About 85 people attended the event.

Clavier and Bill Hamilton gave an insightful overview on Steinbeck utilizing the awe, humility and joy theme. A handful of members from the Niagara-on-the-Lake Writers Circle added to the presentation, sharing their creative written pieces depicting wbat they believed was of awe, humility or joy.

Clavier explains the reason he chose The Grapes of Wrath is that its theme resonates with teenagers. "Steinbeck and youth have a synergy, they have a sympathy of all things unjust," he said.

"A family travels to the promise land of California, yet it didn't offer them the welcome they were hoping for," Clavier said. "Their hopes and dreams of a new beginning were shattered from the start."

"In the book, Steinbeck spoke out against what was wrong," Clavier said. He relates this concept to when youth begin coming of age and learning to question belief systems and concepts adults have taught them to that point. If the youth feels a thought or teaching is unfair and questions why so, Clavier says adults have a tendency to put teens down. Citing them to be disrespectful and rebellious, not offering them "dignity" they need for a strong, thinking mind.

He also the reason why youth ask so many questions is the fact they are "not getting good answers." Clavier continued to say that with all the questions they ask, "The more they know, the safer they feel."

Steinbeck also explained it was Steinbeck's style to speak in simple ways, ask difficult questions on painful realities and seek new answers to urgent questions.

A portion of the event proceeds and painting sales will be supporting Big Brothers and Big Sisters Club of Niagara Nightlife Program helping at youth risk.

All 24 paintings are on display at the Niagara Pumphouse from now until October 2. It is a unique multi-dimensional event featuring art pieces with recorded the Steinbeck passages that inspired the paintings exclusively for this exhibition. Two-time Academy Award nominee Woody Harrelson recorded the passages and California composer Brahm Wenger was specially commissioned to create the accompanying musical score.

Following the exhibition, the audio-guide devices will be donated to The Alzheimer's Society of Niagara, for use in their "Music and Memories" program.

In his career as a clinician, educator and neuroscientist, mind development of youth has been one of Clavier's major career focuses and hopes to continue engaging youth with his art.

Jennifer Chornley Special to the Advance

Dr. Ron Clavier, left, and Bill Hamilton give an insightful overview of John Steinbeck's The Grapes of Wrath, which is celebrating 75th year of being published.

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Council agrees to send another grow-op letter

Suzanne Mason
Special to the Advance

A letter will be sent to Health Canada complaining about the bad smell from a medical marijuana grow-op on Lakeshore Rd. following a reversal of a decision a week ago by town councillors.

At the committee of the whole last week, a motion by Coun. Martin Mazza was defeated on a tie vote to send another letter to Ottawa about the greenhouse operation at 1651 Lakeshore Rd.

At the council meeting Monday, Mazza brought the motion back to the table and it was narrowly approved by a 4 -3 margin after Coun. Denis Dick changed his vote from the previous week.

Mazza said anyone driving through Garrison Village can smell the odour. He said he felt another letter to Health Canada about the grow-op was warranted.

Coun. Gary Zalepa Jr. said all of the correspondence between the town and Health Canada shows that council does not support this grow-op "but there is a lot going on behind the scenes, and it is senseless to talk about sending another letter."

Medicinal marijuana operations are licensed by Health Canada. New regulations were passed last April that include provisions regarding odour control. The grow-op on Lakeshore Rd. had been licensed under previous federal legislation and before the town passed bylaws on site plans controls and provisions regarding proximity to sensitive areas, including residential communities.

Regarding his decision to vote in favour of sending another letter to Health Canada, Dick said "Is it going to make a difference? I doubt it. But the neighbours want us to do it."

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Philippa has danced, choreographed and Co-Produced many stage Productions and Dance Festivals in South Africa from 1997-2011. She has furthered her dance education under well known South African Dance Mentors including: Christelle Smit Dance College - A.I.D.T Examiner; Christopher Kindo - Full Circle Dance Company; Alfred Henkel - Jazzart; Brigitte Reeves-Taylor - Horton Technique. She also attended several Master Classes offered by The Alvin Ailey American Dance Theatre and Martha Graham School of

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Carter Gonta, 11, a student at Crossroads School, formed a team for the TELUS Walk to Cure Diabetes with the goal of raising $5,000. Submitted photo

Carter an ambassador for the TELUS Walk to Cure Diabetes

Niagara Advance

A Niagara-on-the-Lake boy will serve as one of two official ambassadors for the TELUS Walk to Cure Diabetes Sunday, Sept. 21.

Carter Gonta, 11, a student at Crossroads School, formed a team called Carter's Commandos and will be leading the Niagara portion of the national walk in support of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

The Niagara walk starts at noon at Merritt Island in Welland. The goal for Carter's team is to raise $5,000.

Donations can be made at www.jdrf.ca/walk, under Carter Gonta.

"Insulin is his lifeline – it is not a cure, it is what is keeping him alive while we wait for a cure," his mother Sherri Gonta said.

Carter, who is active and loves biking, hiking and rock climbing, has a daily routine the consists of weighing, measuring and counting carbs in everything he eats as well as testing his blood sugar eight to 10 times a day. He wears an insulin pump.

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Anita and Joe Robertson give arts campaign major boost

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A family's passion for music and the arts has segued into a huge donation to the community.

On Wednesday, Niagara-on-the-Lake residents Joe and Anita Robertson gave $500,000 to the new St. Catharines Performing Arts Centre.

At an event announcing the gift at Ravine Vineyard Estate Winery, Joe Robertson said the week marks their 25th anniversary in Niagara after a move from Toronto.

"We moved here, Anita was pregnant and we were buying a business," said Robertson in an interview at the St. Davids gathering. "So we made Niagara our home, our three kids grew up here and we owe a lot to Niagara and St. Catharines.

"And we thought this was a good way to give back to the region and invest in the future."

That Robertson business was a dental supply company that was later sold to Henry Schein, and which is now located in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

The clan also continued a strong affinity to the arts while living locally. Anita was once a ballet and jazz dancer and her husband has played in many bands.

Their three adult kids and extended family members are also enthusiastic musicians and performers.

"I think the location of the arts centre is a perfect choice," added Anita.

"It'll really help the revitalization of the area and I think it's a "¦ great way to bring the community together and congregate and celebrate live performing arts."

In recognition of their gift, the theatre and dance venue will be named the Robertson Theatre, the third performance venue named for the $60-million facility, following past large donations from the Cairns and Partridge families.

At the event, St. Catharines Mayor Brian McMullan called the money "a very generous gift which will ensure we get one step closer to meeting our fundraising goal.

"We know arts and culture will not only improve the quality of life for our residents, it also has an economic impact," he said citing a Niagara Region study showing the arts and culture sector has major money and employment spinoffs.

The arts centre will be a 95,000-square-foot facility. A "soft" opening is scheduled for September 2015. It will have four performance venues.

The federal government contributed up to $18 million to the project and the province $18 million. The City of St. Catharines is responsible for the $24 million balance, with $5 million of that to be raised through a community fundraising campaign.

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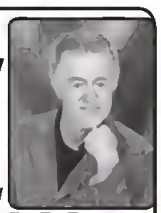
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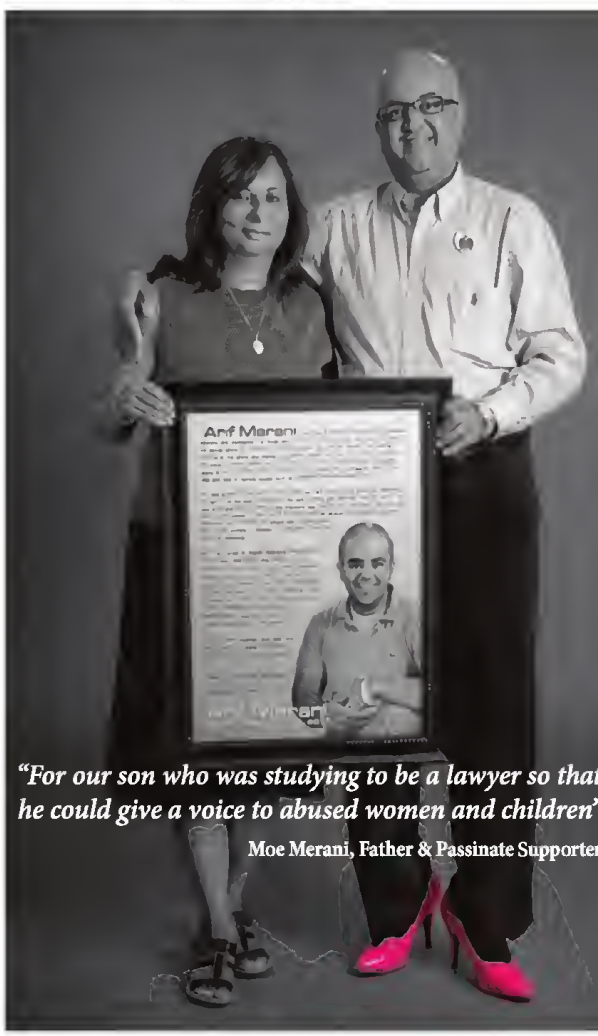
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Final stretch sweet for Niagara's grape harvest

Don Fraser
QMI Agency Niagara

Merlot has taken a blow.

So have reds like Cabernet Franc and Cabernet Sauvignon.

Niagara grower Jim Morrison estimates a cool, wet spring has pushed his harvest down by about 30%.

It's also about 10 days late as the harvest finally gears up.

But the season is certainly not a loss, and in fact looks to be better than expected, Morrison and other grape-growing stakeholders in the region said.

He said whites like Riesling, Chardonnay and some of the early hybrids appear to be in decent shape.

"The quality should be there once we get days we've had recently, where it's hot and sunny," Morrison said last week of his Lincoln vineyards. "It'll make a big difference."

That said, the late start this year means Morrison's harvest could continue until late October or even early November.

Kevin Ker, a professional affiliate with Brock University's Cool Climate Oenology and Viticulture Institute, said warmer weather in recent weeks has been kind to the fruit this late season after a tough start.

"Everything is probably in as good a shape as we could imagine," he said. "The weather's bringing things along, in fact, the grapes are developing better than what some of us had thought."

Ker said sensitive red varieties like Merlot "are going to be shorter (in volume), definitely as we thought at the beginning of the year."

"Yields are going to be down as expected, but there's still going to be a lot of grapes and wine this year."

Grape Growers of Ontario CEO Debbie Zimmerman confirmed grape amounts "are going to be smaller than last year."

"But things do seem to be coming along," Zimmerman said. "A big concern of course is the reds "; and ensuring they'll be ripened in time for harvest.

"Surprisingly, though things are coming along fine."

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Miserable winter could help quality of this year's harvest

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Niagara winemaker Fred Di Profio said last year's miserable winter could help the quality of this year's harvest.

"Last winter's never-ending Arctic vortex did us the favour of thinning our crops early and for free," said Di Profio, a winemaker at Pondview Estate Winery and Di Profio Wines. "So, we have a situation where we have a light crop, a healthy vine and excellent weather for ripening grapes."

Ker said he, has is also pleased by this year's area peaches.

"The only growers that likely noticed anything are the earlier peaches subject to all the rain we had earlier and may not have been as flavourful as other years," Ker said.

"But the peaches coming out the last three to four weeks have been just excellent for quality and taste and free from as lot of rot and other things we've run into other years."

Phil Tregunno, a Niagara grower and chair of the Ontario Tender Fruit Producers' Marketing Board, said Ontario peaches have had excellent exposure this season in stores and supermarkets in Ontario and across Canada.

"They've sort of had a price war using our local ... peaches and nectarines," he said. "They've featured peaches and nectarines in their ads at very competitive prices."

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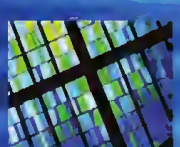

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Fast isn't giving up on secondary education

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

Jonathan Fast is hoping for a second term sitting on the District School Board of Niagara.

The Queenston resident believes education is important to a community, he says, and sought a position as trustee in 2010 after the losing battle to keep Niagara-on-the-Lake's only high school open.

He is still not giving up on secondary school education in town, he says, and points a finger at the existence of two school boards as being part of the problem that is continuing to force the closure of community schools.

He believes there should be one school board, one set of trustees, and one school system to save on the cost of education and have more money to spend on students.

Subjects such as religion and health, where curriculum differs, could be taught outside school hours, he said.

In NOTL, there would be enough students to keep all elementary schools open and viable as well as a high school, with one board, he said.

He believes the DSBN is on the right track as it moves toward the consolidation of students from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 8 in one building, eliminating middle schools, he says, and by extending French Immersion to include the primary grades.

The best part of being a trustee, he says, is "seeing the Grade 12 graduating students. You get a sense of how they've grown over the years, with the rich experiences they've had through different programs. Sitting on the board gives you a great opportunity to see how the board's many programs prepares students for the future, whether they're headed to university, college or to the work place."

The taxpayers and parents of Ontario "should be pleased to know the province is delivering a really good quality of education, one that is the envy of other parts of the world."

Fast sat on the accommodation review committee that recommended keeping Parliament Oak open, and when it came to a vote of board trustees, was one of two who agreed with the accommodation review's findings.

Fast, the only trustee from NOTL, asked for the school to be kept open to position the board for provincial change and to possibly accommodate a merger of the Catholic and public school boards.

He also called on trustees to save $1.3 million by not building an addition to Crossroads, and reminded them that "NOTL has already taken it on the chin" with the loss of its high school.

Fast says he wants to continue to work with the community to ensure it doesn't get "pushed aside" during board discussions, to push for discussions to be held at a provincial level, "and to continue working towards a good quality education for our children."

Jonathan Fast believes there should be one school board, one set of trustees and one school system.

Collard will continue to push on policing costs

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

Retired school teacher Jim Collard calls himself the "senior" town councillor.

He was a member of the Niagara-on-the-Lake town council from 1985 to 1997, and bas successfully run in each municipal election since 2000.

Collard has been a staunch supporter of a better way to pay for policing, and will continue to push for change, he says.

"Since Niagara-on-the-Lake represents 3% of the region's population and 1.6% of the police service calls we should not pay 7.2% of the region's budget. This year Niagara-on-the-Lake paid the region $10.4 million for policing, or $2.6 million more than it cost to run the town."

NOTL should not be paying three times what other communities pay for the same service, he says.

He also believes that the town needs to work with other small and rural communities to bring change to way school boards work in Ontario, and hopes to continue as a member of an alliance of small communities planning to lobby the provincial government for changes to the accommodation review system, which is works against small rural communities.

Other priorities, says Collard: improving Niagara-on-the-Lake Transit; a permanent transit hub and park and ride facility in Glendale; improving parking downtown; supporting NOTL farmers; expanding the Bob Howse bike trail to connect villages; and converting the Deparment of National Defence Lakeshore Rd. property to parkland with help from public partners.

He'd also like to see a move from old leachate-producing landfills to clean energy from waste facilities, he says.

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Parliament Oak supporters kick start fundraising efforts

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

With expenses already mounting, Parliament Oak School supporters are ready to raise some money.

They have filed an application for a judicial review of the District School Board of Niagara's decision to close the Niagara-on-the-Lake elementary school at the end of the school year—the only one in the Old Town—and that will be costly, but they feel they have the community behind them.

However, members of CARE (Citizens for Accountable and Responsible Education) are taking exception to the school board's recent statement, through spokesperson Kim Yielding, that litigation, "particularly for a school of 108 students, comes at a significant cost to the board and the public, which funds the DSBN through its tax dollars."

Robin Ridesic, says members of the community involved in CARE "all feel very strongly about local education for our community's children."

But the primary reason they decided to pursue a judicial review, says Ridesic, is because they believe closing Parliament Oak means spending money, not saving it, and at some point the DSBN has to be held accountable for its decisions.

She says $1.6 million has been invested in Parliament Oak in the last five years alone, and the DSBN is now requesting funding for a $1.4 million addition at Crossroads Public School, where Old Town students will be sent next September when Parliament Oak closes.

St. Michael Catholic School, down the road from Crossroads, has also requested funding for an addition, she says.

"That's $5 million-plus being spent in our small community alone, when we have a perfectly good elementary school sitting here in town. The answer is we need to use the assets we already have at our disposal - not keep spending more taxpayer money."

The school board declined comment.

Members of CARE have already donated a significant amount in their quest to keep Parliament Oak open, says fundraising organizer Lyndsay Gazzard.

"We have a pot to get started with," she says. "They're definitely putting some skin in the game."

There are several events in the works, and a paypal account has been set up for donations, she says.

CARE members are also in discussion with the Chamber of Commerce and the Shaw Festival, both of which have indicated fundraising support, says Gazzard, and a request will likely be made of the Town for financial support.

But first up is a garage sale at St. Mark's Church on Byron St., Saturday, Sept. 10, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. with a live auction at 11 a.m.

CARE is asking for furniture and household items to sell at the event, and members will pick up donations, she says. Every member of CARE is donating something to be sold or auctioned.

"We are receiving an overwhelming response from businesses and private donors so far for the yard sale and live auction," says Gazzard, with Ward Simpson as auctioneer.

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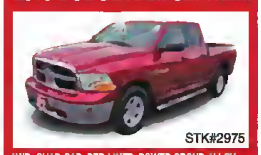

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Town council chips in to help Parliament Oak supporters

Suzanne Mason
Special to the Advance

A residents' group fighting to save Parliament Oak School in Niagara-on-the-Lake from closing its doors next year has received some financial help from the town.

Representatives from CARE Niagara Inc. asked town councillors for $20,000 from the discretionary grant program, contingent on the group fundraising the same amount.

Although the deadline for 2015 grant applications is in November, councillors approved a staff recommendation that the group be approved now for a $10,000 grant for payment in January "given the timely nature of CARE Niagara Inc.'s objectives."

The non-profit group, which lists its current membership base at 1,000, was formed last year to lobby the District School Board of Niagara to try to keep the Old town's only elementary school open.

Director Robin Ridesic said CARE has filed its notice of an application for a judicial review of the DSBN's decision to close the school. The group's funding currently comes from donations from members and community supporters and five fundraising events are planned over the next few months. Their goal is to raise $50,000, plus the town's portion, to go toward advertising and public relations, events promotion, lobbying, and hiring consultants for research and legal advice.

The group also requested that town staff who were involved in the ARC process provide them with information in the form of affidavits for the upcoming judicial review. Coun. Gary Zalepa Jr. made a motion in favour of their request, subject to approval from the town solicitor.

When councillors voted in favour of the staff recommendation to give the group $10,000, they were assured by staff that C.A.R.E could request another grant next year.

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Jennifer Chornley Special to the Advance

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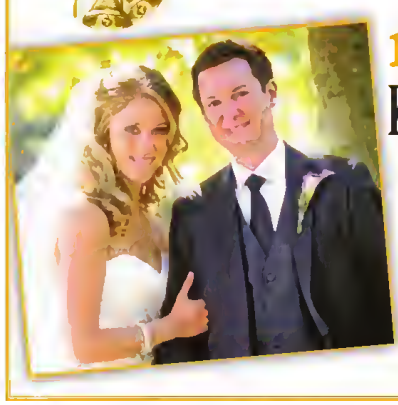

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Mrs. Catharine Anne Wilkie Bett Proudfoot (nee Fowler) died on September 9, 2014 at her home in Desford, Leicestershire, England. Predeceased by her husbend Jemes end her brother Henry and survived by her daughters Kathryn and Shona (Gary Bradnam).

Born in County Fife, Scotland in 1936, she spent her formal years in Cellardyke where she met end merried her husbend Dr. James Proudfoot. In 1975 they immigrated to Canada and opened a family practice in St. Catharines before settling in Niagara-on-the-Lake. Our mother fought relentlessly with medical problems in her final years, but refused to give up her Scottish spirit thet she wes known for. She was a talented artist, cook and an accomplished athlete who loved to live life to the fullest. Cremetion will follow with a private service in England. The family would like to thank everyone for their condolences and give a special appreciation to the medical professionals here and abroad for their excellent care. We also would like to express our heertfelt remembrance for our father James who left us on Sept. 16, 2013. *May their spirits and those of family end friends deperted be entwined for ever more.*

TOWNSEND, Bruce A. - 85, of Niagera on-the-Lake, ON died September 9, 2014. He was born on November 4, 1928, and grew up in Birtle Menitobe. He worked for the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce stationed in Switzerland, Toronto, St. Catharines and California before settling in NOTL. He was survived by his sisters Esther and Muriel and his sons Robert and Bryan. His late wife Diane and daughter Jillian were greetly missed leter in his life. Memorial Services will be held at St. Mark's Anglican Church, 41 Byron St., NOTL on Seturdey, September 20th et 3:00 PM. Memories, photos and condolences can be shared at www.morganfuneral.com

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URE, Dorothy (nee Rae) - Peacefully passed away on Monday, September 15th 2014 at Chartwell Niagara (Chateau Gardens) in Niagara on the Lake. Dorothy was predeceased by her husband Robert (Bob) Ure in March 2014. She was a retired Secretary at General Motors. At Dorothy's request, cremetion has teken plece. A sincere thank you to all of the staff at Chartwell Niagara for all their exceptional care and compassion. A Memorial Service and inurnment of Dorothy and Bob will take place at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Simcoe Street, Niagara on the Lake on Tuesdey, September, 23rd et 11:30e.m. A reception will follow the inurnment in the church reception hall.

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Sports

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Tennis Champs

Niagara-On-The-Lake's final tennis tournament of the year took place over the weekend of Sept. 6-7 at the newly re-furbished Memorial Park courts. Sarah Chapman and Jan and Thitima Christopher won the Bella Grace Trophy. Darlene Romanowsky and Claire Bryan won the Bonnie Sartor Memorial Trophy. Peter Marchesseau and Gerry Kowalchuk won the the men's Roman Korda Trophy and the Kevan O'Conner Trophy. Hugo Lirio and Don Posozevic were the men's doubles champions.

Werstroh finishes season strong

After missing another week due to rain, racers were back at Merrittvile Speedway to conclude the 2014 racing season on Sept 9.

In the JR restricted class Austyn Werstroh had an up and down night. In the first heat he started last and was able to get up to second but could not hold on and ended up fourth. In the second heat he started first and was able to finish first. In the feature he started outside pole and by Lap 2 he was in first place in his Billy Bones BBQ, Pauls RV repair and Carlton 5 sponsored kart.

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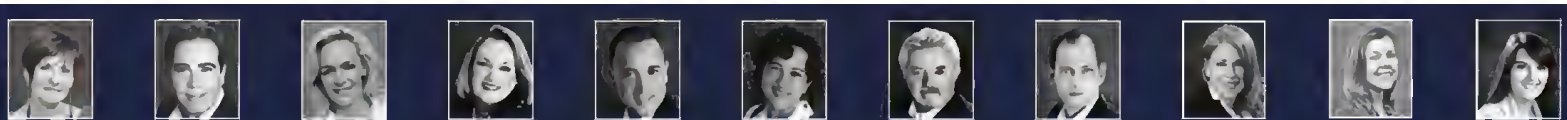

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